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SUBJECT: ORGANIZING FOR MULTILATERAL DIPLOMACY

REFS: (A) STATE 303856; (B) EC BRUSSELS 101

1. I WELCOME THE DEPARTMENT'S INTENTION TO FOCUS MORE
OF OUR ATTENTION, EFFORTS AND RESOURCES ON THE TASK OF
FURTHERING US POLICY INTERESTS IN MULTILATERAL FORA.

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2. THE SUPPORT WE RECEIVE FROM THE FRG IS GREATER THAN THE SUPPORT WE RECEIVE FROM ANY OTHER NATION. WE RECEIVE THIS SUPPORT BILATERALLY, WHERE OUR RELATIONSHIP REMAINS STRONG, AND IN MULTILATERAL ORGANIZATIONS. JUST TO POINT TO THE NEAR ABSENCE OF BILATERAL ISSUES BETWEEN THE US AND FRG, THE FRG'S PERFORMANCE IN NATO, ITS ROLE WITHIN THE EC DURING THE YEAR OF EUROPE, AND THE POSITIONS IT TOOK WITHIN THE EC CAUCUS DURING THE 30TH UNGA ILLUSTRATES THE CLOSE AND ABIDING PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE US AND FRG AS WELL AS THE IMPORTANCE OF MULTILATERAL DIPLOMACY.

3. HOWEVER, WE NEED TO RECOGNIZE WHY THE FRG PARTICIPATES SO WHOLEHEARTEDLY IN NATO AND THE EC. SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS ARE, OF COURSE, PARAMOUNT. BUT THE NEED TO BE PART OF THE WEST IS ALSO FUNDAMENTAL TO FRG POLICY. WHERE WE HAVE DIFFERENCES, THESE OCCUR NOT BECAUSE OF DIRECT FRG-US CONFLICTS OF INTEREST BUT BECAUSE OF US-EUROPEAN CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS.

4. I ENDORSE AMBASSADOR GREENWALD'S SUGGESTIONS IN EC BRUSSELS 101 TO DEEPEN OUR CONSULTATIONS WITH THE EC THROUGH THE POLITICAL COOPERATION CHANNEL, TO CONSIDER PROPOSING A REINFORCED POLITICAL CONSULTATION, AND TO CONSULT MORE CLOSELY IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, ESPECIALLY THE UN. OF COURSE, THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THESE ENDEAVORS WILL BE DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE EFFORT WE ARE PREPARED TO MAKE.

5. MY SENIOR STAFF AND I ARE ENGAGED IN SOME ASPECTS OF MULTILATERAL DIPLOMACY PRACTICALLY ON A DAILY BASIS. HOWEVER, I HAVE DESIGNATED FSO HERBERT WILGIS TO TAKE DAY-TO-DAY RESPONSIBILITY.
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